

Busy macro calendar this week

US stock markets rallied on Friday following the release of a strong US employment report for December (non-farm payrolls at 312k vs f'cast for 177k) and dovish comments from Fed Chair Powell. Overall, the S&P 500 finished the day up 3.4%, leaving the index up 1.8% on the week.

In contrast, on the currency front, the newsflow had no lasting impact on the dollar. This sees EUR/USD open this morning near the \$1.14 level, little changed from Friday's open. Meantime, despite ongoing Brexit uncertainty, sterling has seen some support over the weekend. Cable (GBP/USD) is trading back above the \$1.27 threshold, while EUR/GBP has moved down close to the midpoint of the 89-90p band.

Turning to the week ahead, markets will be focussed on the US-China trade talks today and tomorrow. In the US, the minutes from the Fed's December meeting will be published this week. The minutes will be looked to for a further insight into the Fed thinking on monetary policy. Although, they may be overtaken by Powell's comments on Friday. Data-wise, CPI inflation figures for December are set to feature, while the non-manufacturing ISM for the same month is due out today.

Meanwhile, a busy Eurozone calendar includes the EC sentiment indices for December. We also get unemployment and retail sales (today) figures for November. In terms of central bank updates, the ECB's 'account' of the December policy meeting is also due.

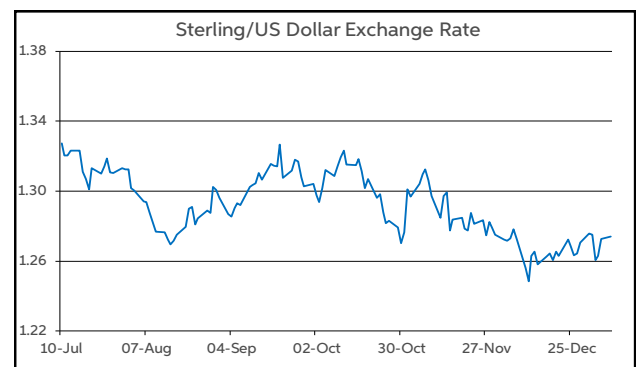
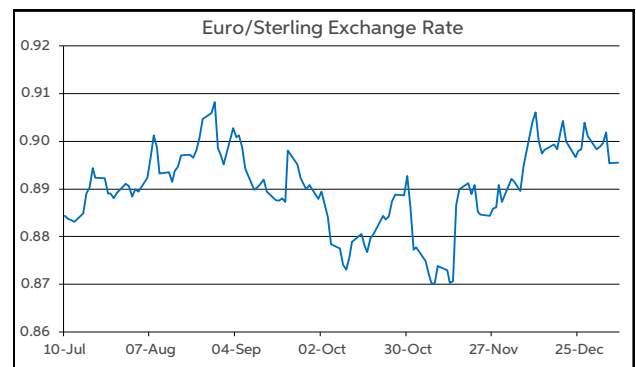
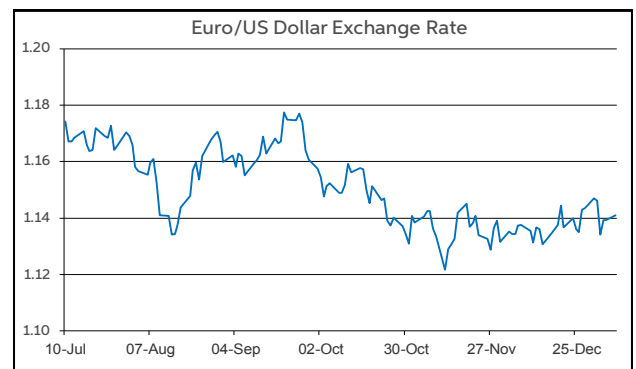
In the UK, Parliament returns following the Christmas recess meaning Brexit will come back into focus. The estimate of GDP for the 3 months to December is also due, with growth forecast to have slowed to 0.3% in the period.

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Today's Opening Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2018
EUR/USD	1.141	0.19	-0.51
EUR/GBP	0.8954	-0.69	-0.33
GBP/USD	1.2741	0.85	-0.13
GBP/EUR	1.1163	0.69	0.34
USD/JPY	108.2	-0.04	-1.24
EUR/JPY	123.47	0.14	-1.78

* v Previous Day's European Open

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Opening Interest Rates						
	Base Rate	Short Term			Long Term	
		1-Mth	3-Mth	12-Mth	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	2.375	2.52	2.80	2.96	2.63	2.56
EUR	0.00	-0.36	-0.31	-0.12	-0.16	0.19
GBP	0.75	0.73	0.91	1.17	1.13	1.28

Equity Indices				
	Latest Close	% Changes		
		on Day	End 2018 to Date	
Dow Jones	23433.16	+3.29	+0.45	
S&P 500	2531.94	+3.43	+1.00	
FTSE 100	6837.42	+2.16	+1.62	
DJ Stoxx 50	3041.85	+2.95	+1.35	
ISEQ	5656.45	+3.20	+3.22	
Nikkei	20038.97	+2.44	+0.12	

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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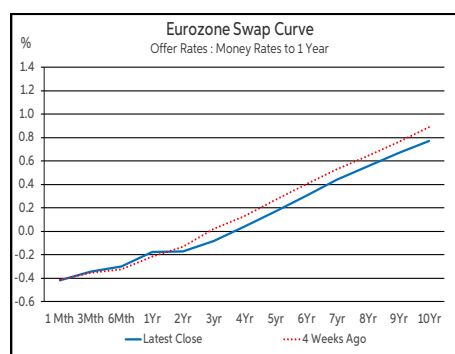
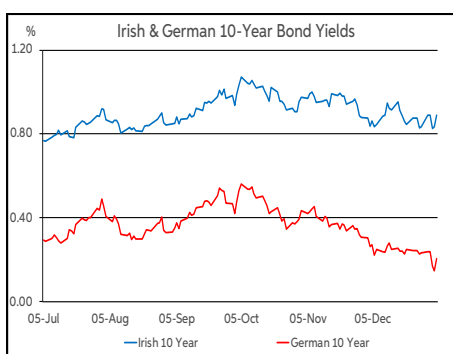
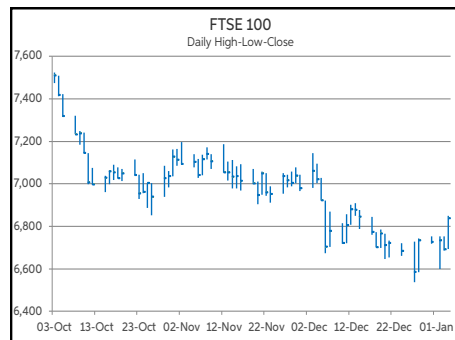
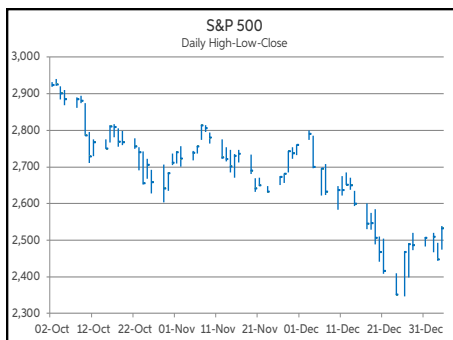
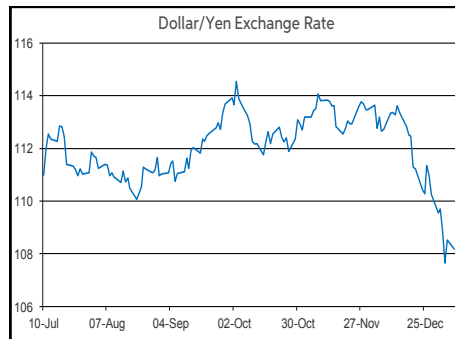
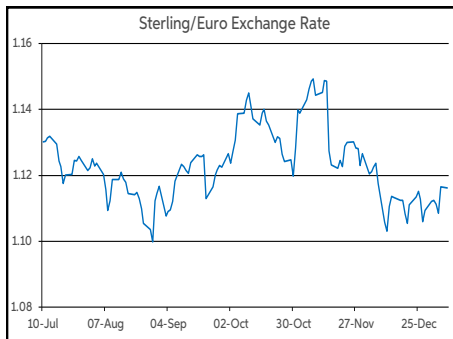
EUR/GBP	0.8954
EUR/USD	1.141
EUR/JPY	123.47
EUR/SEK	10.2092
EUR/DKK	7.4675
EUR/NOK	9.807
EUR/CHF	1.124
EUR/AUD	1.6016
EUR/HKD	8.9405
EUR/CAD	1.5247

Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.1163
GBP/USD	1.2741
GBP/CAD	1.7024
GBP/NZD	1.8886
GBP/JPY	137.86
GBP/SEK	11.3956
GBP/DKK	8.3356
GBP/NOK	10.9474
GBP/CHF	1.255
GBP/AUD	1.7882

Dollar

USD/JPY	108.2
USD/CAD	1.3361
USD/CHF	0.985
USD/CNY	6.8511
USD/BRL	3.7134
USD/RUB	67.6097
USD/INR	69.745
AUD/USD	0.7122
NZD/USD	0.6743



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 18
10 Year Yield %				
US	2.67	+12	-19	-2
Germany	0.20	+6	-5	-3
UK	1.26	+8	+0	-0
Ireland	0.89	+6	+4	N/A
Belgium	0.75	+4	+2	-1
France	0.70	+5	+1	-1
Italy	2.87	+3	-23	+16
Spain	1.46	+5	+3	+5
Portugal	1.79	+3	+0	+8
Greece	4.37	+0	+18	+8
5 Year Swap %				
US	2.55	+14	-24	-1
Eurozone	0.17	-1	-10	-6
UK	1.26	+3	-5	-5
2 Year Swap %				
US	2.62	+10	-23	-2
Eurozone	-0.19	-4	-6	-5
UK	1.12	+2	-3	-4
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	69	-0	+9	N/A
Belgium	54	-2	+6	+2
France	49	-1	+6	+3
Italy	267	-3	-18	+19
Spain	126	-1	+7	+8
Portugal	158	-3	+5	+12
Greece	417	-5	+23	+11

Commodities				
	Close	% Change		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 18
Brent Oil	57.06	+1.98	-7.48	+6.06
West Texas Oil	47.76	+1.79	-9.48	+5.78
CRB - All Commodity	173.35	+1.05	-5.86	+2.09
CRB - Food	330.76	+1.64	-1.02	+2.01
Gold \$	1285.0	-0.72	+2.93	+0.16

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